



City of Wichita

Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

July 2005

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Special points of interest:

In 2004, there were more than 1.4 million violent crimes committed in the United States. The annual number of violent crimes has declined by 35 percent since it peaked in 1993 at 4 million.

Officers save citizens in residential fire

Officer Drew Seiler and Officer Jesse Cornwell were enroute to CMF shortly before 3 a.m. on July 26 when Officer Cornwell observed a house on fire west of Mclean Blvd. The back of the house was engulfed in smoke and flames. Officer Seiler called dispatch, but both officers realized that time was critical due to the extent of the fire.

The back of the house was surrounded by a wood privacy fence,

which the officers knocked down to gain entry to the backyard. They knocked on the windows and the front door, but received no response.

Officer Cornwell kicked in the front door of the residence and the officers entered the smoke filled residence.

They located three adults sleeping in the upstairs bedrooms and assisted them outside to safety.

They then went back in the residence because

they were told there were three boys sleeping in the basement.

The door to the basement was located in the kitchen, where the fire was the most intense. The officers proceeded into the basement and did locate three teen-aged boys.

The boys did not speak English, so the officers had to physically remove them because they were unable to
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WPD says goodbye to long-time employees



Wanda Coleman receives her retirement plaque from Capt. Joe Dessenberger. Wanda worked for WPD for more than 24 years. She most recently worked as a Warrant Officer and will now enjoy spending her days at home relaxing.



Debi Childers and Capt. Felecia Norris listen as Deputy Chief Tom Stolz speaks at Debi's retirement party. Debi left the Department in July after more than 23 years of service. Debi worked at the Patrol North Bureau and will be pursuing a high calling at Dellrose United Methodist Church.

Routine traffic stop results in arrest of burglar

A physically disabled 58-year-old woman was asleep in her home on July 13 when someone entered through an unlocked rear door and stole her purse containing cash, credit cards, checkbook and a cell phone.

There was no evidence at the scene and no known suspect at the time of the report.

Around 9 a.m. the next day, Of-

ficer Daniel Brown, Patrol South, stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and arrested the driver for a suspended driver's license. A consent search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of the burglary victim's checkbook and cell phone. Detective Kathy Dye interviewed the driver, two passengers of the vehicle, and the driver's girlfriend who voluntarily

came in for an interview.

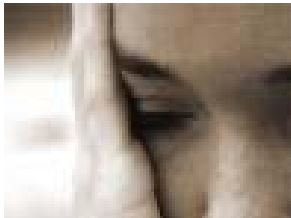
After the interviews, a 34-year-old man and a 38-year-old man were booked for the burglary. On July 15 an affidavit was presented to the District Attorney and both men were charged with aggravated burglary and theft.

Great work by Officer Brown and Detective Dye.

Officers intervene with suicidal woman in Hyde Park

Shortly after 1 a.m. on July 13, Officer Travis Rakestraw, Officer Rick Bachman and Officer Tommy Fulcher were dispatched to Hyde Park on an attempt suicide.

Upon arrival, the officers noticed a female



sitting on a park bench in the

middle of the park. As the officers approached the woman, she stood up and started shouting at Officer Rakestraw to not come any closer. Officer Rakestraw noticed that her left wrist was bleeding and that she was holding a piece of glass. As he attempted to engage her in conversation, she started walking toward him demanding that he shoot her. She said this several times as she continued to slash at her wrist with the glass.

Officer Bachman sprayed mace

at her, which caused her to turn her head. Officer Rakestraw immediately ran up behind the woman and struck her right arm. Officer Bachman and Officer Fulcher quickly moved in and grabbed her, causing her to drop the piece of glass she was using to cut herself.

The woman was transported to the hospital where she was treated and then admitted to a mental health facility for treatment.

Investigations Division addresses fireworks concern

A concerned citizen called the Investigations Division on July 6 to report that he had made contact with several agencies including the Wichita Fire and Police Departments in an effort to have a neighbor charged with shooting illegal fireworks.

The man said that the fireworks were landing on the roof

of his house located in west Wichita. The citizen called wanting help from the police department because the other agencies he contacted told him that it was not their concern.

Detective Warren Dalrymple researched the case and deter-



mined that charges were appropriate and issued a citation to the offending neighbor.

The complainant was grateful that the Wichita Police Department took the responsibility for handling his complaint.

Did You Know.....

During the month of July, WPD members received 112 CPRs that were generated internally and 82 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened five external complaints on members of the Department during July. There were 14 internal complaints filed against Department employees in July.

In the month of July, Field Services personnel issued 5,688 moving citations and 1,525 parking citations.

The Gang/Felony Assault Section charged 20 gang members with felony drug charges during July.

After several cars were broken into in the 200 block of South Erie, Officers apprehended three 19-year-old males and a 17-year-old male. Several stereos and other audio equipment were recovered. The recovered items were returned to five victims, with several other items remaining at Property and Evidence. Affidavits were

presented to the District Attorney by Detective Rusty Smith, resulting in 40 total counts (20-felony burglary, and 20-misdemeanor theft).

In July, the TOPS Unit located 19 active warrants on gang members and those warrants along with photographs were distributed to the Field. A list of parolees who have suspended driver's licenses was also distributed to Field Services personnel.

During the month, Det. Cheryl James located 22 sex offenders and gave those addresses to the appropriate Beat Coordinators.

Crime Scene Investigator Cory Rodivich attended a two-week class at the FBI Academy on Police Photography.

On July 26 and 27 the quarterly vehicle auctions were conducted. A total of 268 vehicles were sold for \$50,046. Eighty-three title affidavits generated \$830.

The Warrant Office continues to make DV UCC service a priority.

Through July in 2005, 367 persons have been arrested on DV warrants compared to 97 DV warrant year to date arrests in 2004.

Lt. Chris Bannister has been working to create a State Statute for chemical reaction bombs and devices. Recent court proceedings have identified a loophole in Kansas law regarding destructive devices.

The Plainview Activity Camp for Kids ended on July 29. More than 115 kids signed up for the camp with an average of 95 participating each day. Almost 20 Officers from Patrol East were involved in the soccer portion of the camp.

Officer Travis Stipp was dispatched to a burglary in progress at Kyle's Liquor Store, 700 N. West St., and stopped a vehicle that was leaving the area. The men in the vehicle were identified as the burglary suspects and were booked in to jail. The two are suspects in several other burglaries in the Patrol West Bureau.

While at a community meeting for the Comotara/Mainsgate area Officer Brandi Turner was advised of a speeding problem in the area of Bramblewood/Mainsgate/Rushwood. Officer Turner and other members of the beat team have increased patrol and radar in the area.

Officer Ryan Shomaker spent several hours, including foot patrol, at 3600 W. Kellogg addressing an increase of larcenies in the area.

Training Academy gets new sign



Members of the Spring 2005 Recruit Class donated the pictured sign to the Wichita/Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Training Center.

The recruits presented the sign to Capt. Darren Moore during the graduation ceremony and then took it back to the Academy and installed it.

Task Force sessions slated for employees in September

Several members of the BTK Task Force held an informational session with local media on July 8. The session lasted a little more than four hours and provided answers about the 11-month investigation.

The media had many questions regarding the investigation, and how it was impacted by the media coverage. The Task Force has scheduled 10 three-hour



Task Force members met with the media during a four-hour session on July 8.

informational sessions for WPD employees during the month of September at the Training Academy.

Lt. Landwehr said it is important for employees to understand how the investigation was conducted because it is always possible that there could be serial killer homicides in Wichita in the future.

More information is available on the Interwatch and Intranet.

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communicate the danger of the situation.

Encountering intense flames and smoke as they passed through the kitchen area of the home, the officers escorted the boys safely to the street.

The flames were spreading

near the neighboring houses and sparking on the roof of the house next door, so the officers evacuated the neighbors from their homes as well.

The Wichita Fire Department arrived and extinguished the flames.

Battalion Chief Dan McClure, Wichita Fire Department, said

that the body of the fire had broken into the house and it was a very dangerous situation.

Officer Seiler and Officer Cornwell displayed outstanding bravery, intelligence and devotion to duty at the risk of great bodily injury or death, when they saved the lives of several Wichita citizens.

Media exposure results in robbery suspect being identified

In July, Detective Phil Jacob was assigned an Aggravated Robbery of the Kwik Shop at 3959 S. Hydraulic, where a man armed with a knife demanded money from the cash register.

On July 5, Detective Matt Hall was assigned a similar Aggravated Robbery that occurred at the Dog and Shake, 4323 S. Seneca, where a man armed with a knife demanded money from the cash registers.

Detective Jacob prepared a wanted poster with the surveil-

lance photos from the Kwik Shop, and obtained permission to release the surveillance photos to local media.

On July 14, just a day or two after the media release, a call to Crime Stoppers indicated that the robber was "M.C." who was AWOL from the military. Two accomplices were also identified.

On July 19 Detective Hall in-

terviewed the two accomplices; one of whom was also AWOL from the Army. That individual was booked into jail on a hold for the U.S. Army.

The next day the primary suspect was located by patrol and arrested.

Detectives Hall and Jacob interviewed the suspect and he was ultimately

booked into jail for robbery.



Chief of Police Mid-Year Report

First, let me express my appreciation and gratitude to the Wichita Police Department members for your efforts to accomplish our 2005 goals and our stated Mission, which has enabled us to enhance the confidence, trust and respect of our citizens and visitors to Wichita. It is this type of dedication that allows me to say with pride that I am glad to be the Chief of the Wichita Police Department.

Secondly, I would like to provide a mid-year review of the Wichita Police Department's achievements. As I have mentioned on numerous occasions, it takes dedicated professional men and women to make a police department progressive and respected by its citizens. When citizens and other law enforcement agencies talk about the Wichita Police Department with pride, it is a reflection of the more than 840 members who respond daily to the citizens of our community.

Let's discuss a few of the Wichita Police Department's mid-year significant accomplishments, which are as follows:

- On February 25, 2005, the historic BTK investigation, which spanned more than 30 years, was solved with the arrest of Dennis Rader. On June 27, 2005, Dennis Rader pled guilty to 10 counts of murder. On August 18, 2005, he was sentenced to 10 consecutive life sentences and the Hard-40 for the death of Ms. Delores Davis.

"Outstanding teamwork and dedication by the over 840 department members!!!"

- Working relationships within the Police Department between, Field Services, Investigations and the Support Services Division have been exceptional as evident by the increased lines of communication, team efforts to proactively address crime trends, attending Neighborhood Association meetings, and the overall quality of services that we are providing our city.

- More than 800 members of the Department attended the Mandatory In-service Training that was held at Century II in February and March. This was an opportunity for Department members to receive information regarding the Police Department's direction, present awards and witness promotions.

- Comprehensive Gang Plan efforts were kicked up a notch, which has, as of Aug. 29 resulted in 331 gang members being arrested, 104 guns being removed from the streets of Wichita, 66 Targeted Offenders revocations have occurred, and 36 neighborhood gang presentations have been completed. The Community Coalition component is coming together.

- May 2005: a number of Wichita Police Department com-

missioned members were honored by the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police for various heroic actions while performing their duties in our All-American City.



Chief Norman Williams

- A third canine was added to the Police Department, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Captain John Speer and his team at Patrol South. Through this team effort, Milk-Bone and Dillons presented a \$6,500 check to the Police Department. In addition, citizens and businesses in the Patrol South Bureau have made contributions to the canine. Great team work by all!!!

- Community and elected officials education regarding the Police Department decision to purchase Taser (Electro-Muscular Disruption Technology) was completed. Indication from a survey distributed by Deputy Chief Stolz shows that citizens support the Police (cont. on page 6)

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Department's decision to implement the use of Tasers.

- June 15, 2005, the Property and Evidence Section hosted an open house at its new facility located in the Rounds and Porter building at 430 N. Waco. The new facility has many new amenities, which will provide a professional environment for the staff and Crime Scene Investigators. This really is the result of Deputy Chief Terri Moses and myself working with the City Manager's Office, the Finance Department and Public Works.
- The 2005 Spring Recruit Class of the Wichita Police Department graduated on June 17 with 16 Police Officers and one Airport Safety Officer. This class completed its Field Training Officer Program in August, with all 16 recruits achieving successful completion.
- July 11, 2005, a new Police Recruit Class began with 12 recruits. As the result of City Manager George Kolb's approval, four of the 12 positions are overfill positions.
- Thus far in 2005, major crime is down by 7.9 percent compared to this period in 2004. Crime continued to be up in Aggravated Assaults and Auto Thefts. We must continue our vigilant team efforts to be proactive and preventive while ensuring the safety

of our neighborhoods and city.

- The 4 X 10 Work Study is continuing to be evaluated by the Chief and the Field Services Division Commanders. The performance measurements have been encouraging. There have been some issues identified that we will be addressing prior to the final decision being made regarding the 4 X 10 Work Study.
- The Wichita Police Department 2005/2006 budget was favorable as evident by the following approvals:
 - New mobile radios for police vehicles
 - Replace portable radios with 2005 salary savings
 - Eight additional police officers (convert six warrant officers to eight police officer positions)
 - New Visibars for marked units
 - Defensive Tactical Instructor
 - Planning Analyst position in the Records Bureau
 - Detective position for the domestic violence cases
 - 16 security personnel for City Hall security

The Department's overall budget will increase by one percent in the 2005 Revised (\$57,261,180) and the 2006 Proposed budget will increase by six percent (\$60,751,650). The significant increases will be in personnel expenses.

- Forty additional police vehicles will be replaced in 2005; these vehicles will be Crown Victorias. This was a collective effort between the City Manager's Office, Finance Department, Public Works and the Police Department. Deputy Chief Tom Stolz is to be commended for spearheading this successful effort.

- Thus far in 2005, there have been an exceptional number of promotions made in the Police Department to the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant and Detective.

As you can see, there have been numerous team accomplishments thus far in 2005. The success and failure of any professional and progressive organization depends a great deal on its members because the members are the heart and soul. All of you, the members of the Wichita Police Department, build positive relations and demonstrate a commitment to make Wichita a safe place to live, work and visit by your actions and deeds. Thank you for these great mid-year achievements and I look forward to us closing out 2005 strongly!!!

Norman D. Williams
Chief of Police

City of Wichita

A large crowd turned out to wish Debi Childers a happy retirement on July 22.

Big turn out



Gang Enforcement

The following are the result of the gang suppression efforts in 2005. Great collaborative work between the Field Services and Investigations Divisions.

<u>Total Charges</u>	<u>161</u>
<u>Total Number of People Charged</u>	<u>107</u>
<u>Federal Cases Charged</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Federal Cases Pending</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Total Number of Guns Seized</u>	<u>104</u>
<u>Total Number of Gang Members Arrested</u>	<u>331</u>
<u>TOPS Revocations</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>Total Number of Gang Presentations (since 3-14)</u>	<u>36</u>

Law Enforcement Memorial

Fundraising efforts continue for the Law Enforcement Memorial of Sedgwick County. In the coming weeks, the Law Enforcement Memorial Committee will be asking for assistance in various fund raising events. For more information on how you can help, please contact: Capt. Randy Landen, Lt.

Ralph Clark, Lt. Guy Schroeder, Detective Kelly Mar, Detective Kelly Otis or Janet Johnson.

